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T. Narasipur family's suicide pact over harassment…

Protests erupt at mortuary

- Wedding plans turn tragic
- Villagers seek justice
- Accused arrested

PIC. 1: ***A file photo of bride-to-be Rakshitha with her parents Shivanna and Nagarathna.*** *PIC. 2:* ***A large crowd of relatives and villagers at MMC&RI mortuary where the bodies of the three deceased persons were taken for post-mortem this morning.*** *PIC. 3:* ***Accused Ullas Gowda, who was arrested yesterday.***

Mysuru, June 23 (MTY&KS)- The Mysuru District Police have arrested a man accused of abetting the deaths of three members of a family who allegedly died by suicide after consuming poison at their residence in Hale Kempaiahnahundi village of T. Narasipur taluk.

The accused, identified as Ullas Gowda, a resident of the same village, was arrested while allegedly attempting to flee to Bengaluru. The deceased have been identified as Shivanna (54), his wife Nagarathna (44) and their daughter Rakshitha (22).

The tragedy came to light yesterday morning when relatives discovered the bodies at the family's newly constructed house on Kempaiahnahundi Main Road. Police said, the family had left behind a death note allegedly blaming Ullas Gowda for harassment that drove them to take the extreme step.

Protest outside mortuary

Tension prevailed outside the MMC&RI mortuary in city this morning, where relatives, villagers and members of various organisations staged a protest demanding justice and stringent action against the accused.

While one group demanded confiscation of the accused's properties and their transfer to the deceased family's kin, another urged the authorities to expedite the post-mortem and hand over the bodies for the last rites.

Some protesters initially opposed the post-mortem proceedings until stronger action was taken against the accused.

Rakshitha's marriage was scheduled to be held on June 25 and 26.

(See PROTESTS on page 5)

To Our Readers

Turn to Page-6 for Pramoda Devi Wadiyar's exclusive conversation with ***Star of Mysore*** *on Ashada parking at Shashiranjan Grounds, keeping area around Lalitha Mahal Palace green and restoration of Rajendra Vilas Palace atop Chamundi Hill.* **—Ed**

Arrival of suspected Bangladeshi infiltrators in Mysuru

FIR against Hindu activists to please Home Minister: MP Yaduveer

Mysuru, June 23 (BLU&BS)- Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar has alleged that the Mandi Police registered an FIR against pro-Hindu activists in the city to appease the State Home Minister.

Speaking to reporters after inaugurating a Mela on Central Government schemes at his office in the Command Area Development Authority (CADA) Public Offices Complex this morning, Yaduveer said that the activists had alerted the Police about the arrival of suspected Bangladeshi infiltrators on the Howrah-Mysuru Express and had also assisted the Police in apprehending them.

MP Yaduveer Wadiyar handing over certificate to the beneficiary of a Central Government Scheme at CADA Office premises in city this morning as *(from left)* ***former Corporator B.V. Manjunath, State BJP Minority Morcha President Dr. Anil Thomas, former Chairman of Mysore Paints and Varnish Ltd., N.V. Phaneesh, BJP Mysuru Rural President Kumbrahalli Subbanna and former Mayor Sandesh Swamy look on.***

"Instead of taking action against the Bangladeshi infiltrators, who were later let off, the Police have filed an FIR against six pro-Hindu activists," he alleged.

Yaduveer said, he had no objection to the Police taking lawful and impartial action. "I had asked the Police to act judiciously. But how fair is it to proceed against those who helped the Police?" he questioned.

(See FIR on page 5)

STAR OF MYSORE

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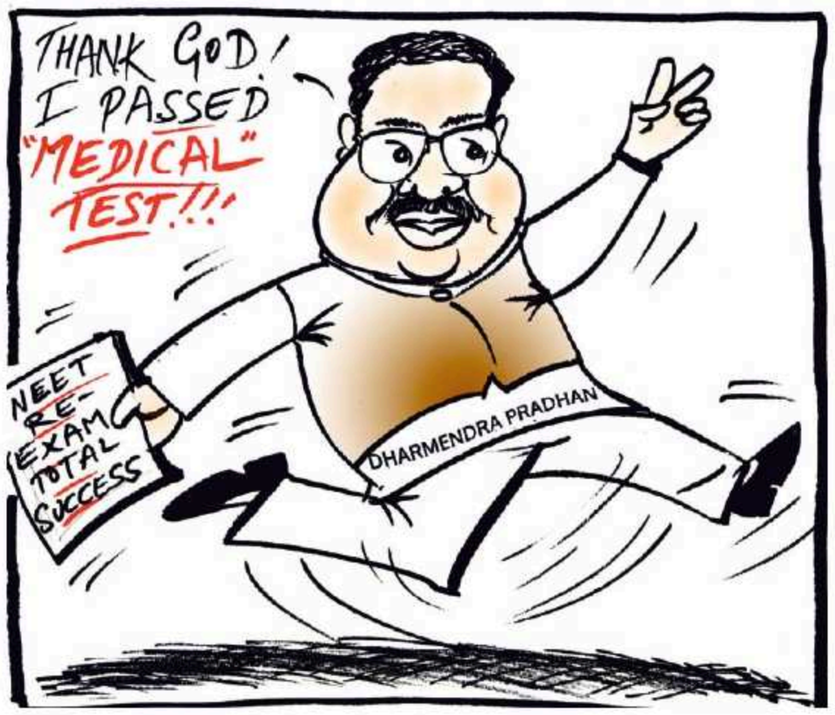
Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Tuesday 23rd June 2026

BABU'S BANTER

By M.V. Nagendra Babu



EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

TREES CANNOT BE COLLATERAL DAMAGE: ***Mysuru's citizens have reasons to be outraged. Even as protests continue against the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI)'s proposal to fell more than 500 trees for road expansion projects, the Railways has chopped down over 30 trees near Kukkarahalli Lake without obtaining the mandatory permission from the Forest Department, which has now decided to register a First Information Report after completing a detailed assessment of the felled and pruned trees. The episode exposes a disturbing pattern.***

In Mysuru, trees are increasingly treated as expendable obstacles rather than irreplaceable public assets. The Railways has defended their action by arguing that, with the track fully electrified, overhanging branches posed a serious safety risk during the monsoon and could disrupt train services. Environmentalists, however, contend that scientific pruning and proper canopy management could have addressed the problem. Passenger safety is undoubtedly paramount, but it cannot become a shield for bypassing due process. The Supreme Court has consistently held that statutory permission from the competent local authority must precede any tree-felling...

Tree-felling should remain the last resort, not the first response, whenever alternatives exist. The loss of a mature tree extends far beyond the disappearance of wood and leaves. It instantly ends decades of carbon sequestration, eliminates natural cooling for surrounding neighbourhoods, destroys habitats for birds and insects, weakens soil stability and alters the microclimate. Such ecological services cannot be recreated by planting saplings elsewhere.

The apex court has repeatedly emphasised that tree-felling must be governed by the principle of sustainable development. It has recognised mature trees as invaluable oxygen producers whose environmental contributions deserve economic valuation before they are sacrificed. Compensatory afforestation in another location can never fully offset the loss of an established tree that has taken decades to become part of a city's ecological fabric. Mysuru has long prided itself on its tree-lined avenues and green identity. If authorities continue to treat mature trees as disposable whenever a project encounters inconvenience, that identity will soon exist only in photographs. Governments must stop viewing environmental protection and development as competing objectives. The real challenge is to build infrastructure intelligently, preserving trees wherever possible and cutting them only when every alternative has been exhausted. —*In Deccan Herald*

NEWS SPARKLERS

Realtor finds house overrun with snakes

Arkansas: An Arkansas real estate agent arrived to a scheduled showing of a home for sale and ended up capturing video of some squatters — a large number of snakes.

Christopher White of Century 21 said he arrived to show a property to some potential buyers in central Arkansas when he noticed the property was overrun with snakes.

White captured video of snakes by the front door, handing in the eaves and hiding in an old electric panel. The serpents were identified as non-venomous black rat snakes, which are valued by farmers for keeping pests like mice and rats under control.

"When I first got to the house I was treating it as business as usual. I got out of my truck, walked around the home. I had got back in my truck to look at the information for the house, and that's when I looked over at the porch," White said.

Fireworks truck catches fire on highway

Chattanooga: Motorists were treated to an unusual show when a truck caught fire on a Tennessee highway, causing its load of fireworks to go off in the roadway.

The Chattanooga Fire Department said on social media that crews responded alongside the Tri-Community Fire Department and Police on Saturday night when a truck caught fire on northbound Interstate 75, just past the Ooltewah exit.

The truck's load of fireworks were seen going off in different directions. The display was caught on camera by witnesses.

"Inter-State traffic was stopped in both directions while firefighters extinguished the fire," the department said.

No injuries were reported from the incident and the cause of the fire was not revealed.

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By Dr. Vipin Kaverappa - Consultant Nephrologist & Kidney Transplant Physician - Manipal Hospitals Mysore

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National Workshop tomorrow at JSS Hospital Auditorium

Mysuru, June 23- The Department of Nutrition & Dietetics, JSS Academy of Higher Education & Research (JSS AHER), Mysuru, in collaboration with the Department of Nutrition & Dietetics, JSS Hospital, Mysuru and IAPEN India - Bengaluru Chapter, is organising a one-day National Workshop on 'Evidence-Based Advances in Enteral & Parenteral Nutrition' tomorrow (June 24) at Sri Rajendra Centenary Auditorium, in city from 9 am to 5 pm.

The workshop aims to provide students, healthcare professionals, academicians, researchers, dietitians, and nutrition practitioners with the latest evidence-based knowledge.

The Speakers include Dr. G.J. Himaal Dev, Chief Consultant - Critical Care, Apollo Hospital, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru, Dr. Rajesh G. Hiremath, Founder & Director, Tatvagyana Institute of Training & Skill Development, Dr. Sreemathy Venkataraman, National Secretary - IAPEN-India, Chief Dietician, Trustwell Hospitals, Bengaluru, Dr. S. Shobharani, Intensivist & Associate Professor, Department of Anaesthesiology, JSS Hospital and Dietician team from JSS Hospital.

The scientific sessions will focus on nutritional assessment, nutrition support in critical care, specialised enteral feeding strategies, advances in parenteral nutrition, management of feeding complications and multidisciplinary approaches to nutrition care.

For registration, contact Dr. Sudha Sairam on Mob: 99720-05220 or Dr. S. Syeda Farha on Mob: 86604-64214.

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VOICE OF THE READER

Apply hourly rates on Ashoka Road parking

Sir,

I am writing in reference to the report titled ***'Pay-and-park system for Ashoka Road'*** published in *Star of Mysore* on June 13, 2026. We would like to bring to your kind attention that this move will undoubtedly impact both the general public and customers. It appears to be an agreement between the Police and the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), which risks monopolising the road.

Once monthly parking charges are accepted, the public will no longer have free access to the road 24x7. Residents and shop owners will legally claim parking rights, excluding the broader public.

Ashoka Road is a densely congested Central Business District with numerous shops and businesses. In fact, the situation is already dire.

Residents have started occupying parking spaces and even at night, it is extremely difficult to find a spot. This attempt to control the road by charging nominal fees and claiming the entire space is unacceptable.

We urge the MCC and the Police to reconsider and impose hourly charges for all, both residents, shop owners and the public, so that it remains a fair, common system.

We request your support in ensuring that this system is not imposed as a monthly monopoly. Instead, hourly rates applied universally would provide better regulation of traffic and parking on this crucial road.

— K.V. Banu Prashanth,
Convenor, MGP

Mysuru
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Obituary

Muruvanda Saritha Bopaiah

Mysuru, June 23- Muruvanda Saritha Bopaiah (Kuppanda), aged 64 years and a resident of Gokulam 3rd Stage, passed away at a private hospital in city this morning following a brief illness.

She leaves behind her husband Muruvanda Monty Bopaiah, daughter Meghana and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites at Chirashantidhama in Gokulam today at 4.30 pm, according to family sources.

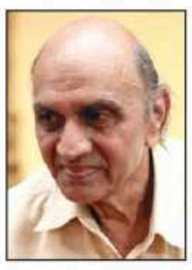
Boverianda Kumari

Boverianda Kumari Ponnappa (Channira), aged 86 years, passed away last night at her daughter's residence (E-1, # 605, Whitehouse Apartments, 6th Main Road, Ganesha Block, Govindaraj Garden, RT Nagar) in Bengaluru.

Originally from Buttangala village, Virajapet taluk and formerly a long time resident of Mysuru, she leaves behind two daughters (Kaliyanda Pita Ramesh and Pattada Praveen Thimmaiah), son-in-law, grandchildren and a host of relatives and friends.

Cremation will take place at Hebbal Crematorium in Bengaluru tomorrow at 2 pm.

M.G. Narasimha

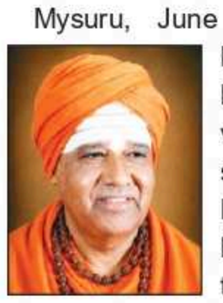


M.G. Narasimha (75), Superintendent of Jaganmohan Palace Art Gallery and a resident of Krishna Vilas Road, passed away on June 21 in city.

He leaves behind his wife Dr. M.A. Jayashree, son Harsha, daughter-in-law Ramya, daughter Lakshmi, son-in-law Vikram, grand-children Dhriti, Pragya, Sattvik, Varchas and Nidhi and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at the foot of Chamundi Hill on the same day evening, according to family sources.

Degula Mutt's Sri Mummadi Nirvana Swamiji passes away



Mysuru, June 23- Degula Mutt Seer Sri Mummadi Nirvana Swamiji, senior Seer of Degula Mutt in Kanakapura taluk of Bengaluru South district, passed away following age related illness yesterday. The body was kept in the Mutt premises till 3 pm today for the devotees and public to pay their last respects and a procession was taken out on prominent roads.

Last rites were held in the Mutt premises later, according to Sri Channabasava Swamiji of Kanakapura Degula Mutt.

Sacked NIEIT staff demand jobs back, 12-month salary

MLC Vivekananda backs 76 employees, says they should be reinstated or offered VRS

Mysuru, June 23 (GA&BCT)- Members of the NIE Institute of Technology (NIEIT) Khayam Noukarara Hakku Horata Samithi (NIEIT Permanent Employees' Rights Struggle Committee) staged a protest in front of NIE campus yesterday, demanding payment of 12 months' pending wages and reinstatement of employees as directed by the State Government.

The protesters alleged that 76 employees who had contributed to the institution's growth were "mercilessly thrown out" by the management. The agitation received support from MLC K. Vivekananda, who joined the demonstration and held discussions with NIEIT President regarding the workers' grievances.

The employees pointed out that the Higher Education Department had, on April 27, ordered the cancellation of what they described as illegal dismissals.

However, they alleged that the NIE management ignored the directive and proceeded with the terminations despite having earlier assured, during the VTU merger process, that all permanent staff would be protected.

The protesters also accused the NIE Society of illegally transferring 25 acres of public trust land to itself without obtaining mandatory Civil Court approval. They further alleged that the management had discontinued aided courses for commercial gain, imposed additional fees on students and strayed from the institution's founding principles.

The protesters demanded the immediate release of withheld salaries and the reinstatement of all terminated employees.

MLC flays governing body

MLC Vivekananda criticised the governing body for what he termed its indifferent approach to the issue. He alleged that the management had ignored Court orders, directions from the Chief Secretary and Government instructions while issuing notices to 76 employees.

"If the institution is proceeding with fresh recruitment, the terminated employees must either be allowed to return or be offered a voluntary retirement scheme (VRS). However, the response from the NIE Society President has been evasive," he said.

Vivekananda further claimed that when he contacted the Society's President and Secretary, they told him that the Society had around 300 members and reinstatement would be possible only if all members agreed.

"Such a stand is unreasonable and dismissive. I have raised my voice on behalf of the teachers. Instead of addressing the issue, they are questioning why I am here. I will write to the Chief Secretary and VTU to ensure the seriousness of this matter is recognised," he said.

Dr. Sandeep, Vedhamohan, Prabhuswamy, Nitin, Ramachandra and others took part.

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Pratibha Puraskar

The Bharatiya Vidyarthi Sangha (BVS), Mysuru, has invited applications from meritorious students (boys and girls) of all communities who have scored more than 90 percent marks in SSLC and II PUC (2025-26) for presentation of Pratibha Puraskar. The Pratibha Puraskar programme will take place at Humanities auditorium in Manasagangothri campus at 10 am on July 5. The eligible students can send their application along with a copy of their marks card to WhatsApp No.: 89713-34799 or 98803-61209 before July 2.

Health camp

Kamakshi Hospital, Unit-II, J.P. Nagar, will be conducting a free health check-up camp on June 27 from 9 am to 1 pm and 3 pm to 5 pm. The camp will feature free specialist consultation, 25% discount on the Basic Diagnostic Services, health awareness & counselling and early detection and prevention of the diseases. For further details, contact Ph: 0821-2371430 or Mob: 97411-63680, according to a press release from Hospital Administrator Dr. K.R. Kamath.

Education loan

Under the Arivu student education loan scheme, the Karnataka Christian Community Development Corporation Limited (KCCDCL) has invited applications from eligible Christian community students who have gained admission for professional courses such as B.E, B.Tech, B.Arch, MBBS, BDS, M.D, M.S, M.Tech, M.Arch, MBA, MCA, LLB, AYUSH, B.Sc (Agriculture), Agricultural Engineering, Dairy Technology, Forestry, Veterinary Sciences, Food Technology, Fisheries, Sericulture, B.Pharma, M.Pharma, Pharma-D, Home/Community Sciences etc., for availing student loan. Application forms can be downloaded from the website ***www.kccdclonline.karnataka.gov.in***. The filled in application forms along with all necessary documents should be submitted at the KCCDCL office located on the first floor of Maulana Azad Bhavan, beside Shobha Garden, Bharatnagar, Mysuru-Bengaluru Road, Mysuru. For details call Ph: 0821-2430080.

Ayurveda camp

JSS Ayurveda Hospital in Alanahalli, Mysuru, is conducting a week-long Back Pain treatment camp at its premises from June 22 to 29 between 9.30 am and 4.30 pm. Call Mob: 98864-85005.

Free cancer clinic

A free cancer detection clinic has been organised at Preethi Cancer Centre in Lakshmipuram on June 25 from 10 am to 8 pm. For details, contact Ph: 0821-4259259.

Freedom after seven years…

18 brick kiln workers freed from bonded labour

Inhumane incident at T. Narasipur village; Two children among rescued; Three kiln owners arrested

Mysuru, June 23 (PM&BCT)- The scourge of bonded labour has once again surfaced in T. Narasipur taluk, where 18 workers, including two children, were rescued from brick-making units in Bevinahalli village of Sosale hobli. Three kiln owners have been arrested on charges of subjecting them to bonded labour.

Among those rescued were Muthanna, 30 and his wife Jyothi, 24, natives of Tamil Nadu, along with their two sons aged 13 and 9. Authorities suspect that one of the children was also engaged in labour.

According to investigators, the couple had been trapped in bonded labour for nearly seven years after accepting an advance of Rs. 75,000 from a brick kiln owner. Despite working for years, they were allegedly paid only Rs. 1,000 each per week.

The other rescued workers have been identified as Chennamma, 50, Armugam, 25, Ganesha, 25, Rajeshwari, 22, Nagamma, 32, Mallika, 40, Suresha, 27, Prema, 23, Satheesha, 26, Laxmi, 24, Chandru, 60, Channamma, 52, Amuda, 34 and Veluvanadha, 36.

The accused brick kiln owners, Girish, Mahadev and Yathiraj, all aged between 35 and 40 years, have been arrested. Police said, cases have been registered against them under the SC/ST (Prevention of Atrocities) Act and that they are currently in the custody of the Directorate of Civil Rights Enforcement (DCRE).

The rescue operation was carried out yesterday morning by a team led by the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA). Senior Civil Judge and DLSA Member-Secretary Nagaraj Siddappa Ankasadoddi, T. Narasipur Tahsildar Sureshachar, Bannur Police Inspector Satish and Labour Department Officer T.V. Lakshmish participated in the raid.

Investigators said, Muthanna and Jyothi had attempted to escape from the kiln about two months ago. However, threats directed at their children allegedly forced them to return. The couple was reportedly assaulted after being traced and brought back.

The family's ordeal eventually drew the attention of authorities, leading to the rescue of the remaining workers and the subsequent raid on the brick-making units. The case has been registered at Bannur Police Station based on a complaint lodged by Tahsildar Sureshachar.

Muthanna and his wife Jyothi, natives of Tamil Nadu, who were rescued from bonded labour at brick-making units in Bevinahalli village of Sosale hobli. Picture right shows other bonded labourers.

Natives of Tamil Nadu...

Yesterday, at around 11 am, we visited the brick kilns on the outskirts of Bevinahalli and conducted an inquiry. During the inspection, workers told us they were being forced to work against their will. Muthanna and Jyothi were assaulted on Sunday night and suffered injuries. They belong to a tribal community from Tamil Nadu. Most of the workers are natives of Tamil Nadu, although many have been living in the village for several years. The District Administration will ensure rehabilitation of the rescued workers in accordance with the law.

—Nagaraja Siddappa Ankasadoddi, Senior Civil Judge and Member-Secretary, DLSA Mysuru

Coordinated efforts led to raid

Information about the other workers also emerged through Muthanna and Jyothi. The couple had been subjected to severe physical assault. We initially visited the kilns to verify reports of child labour, but during the inspection, it became evident that a bonded labour system was operating there. We began collecting evidence from last Friday and subsequently alerted the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA), the Superintendent of Police (SP) and other departments. The rescue operation was the outcome of those efforts. Muthanna and Jyothi are currently undergoing treatment at a hospital for the injuries they sustained in the assault.

—Srinivas, Executive Director, Madilu Education and Rural Development Organisation

House burgled in K.R. Mohalla

Mysuru, June 23 (PM&KS)- Burglars, who broke into a house, have decamped with gold and silver worth lakhs of rupees. The burglary came to light when the house owner opened the almirah on June 14 to take out cash for business.

The incident took place at the house of Ladaram Maali, a resident of Veene Seshanna Road in K.R. Mohalla. Ladaram owns an agriculture equipment shop at Old Santhepet in city.

In his complaint, Ladaram has stated that on Apr. 10, he and his wife left for Rajasthan leaving his two children and his employee Mahaveer in the house.

He further stated that he and his wife returned on May 21 but had not opened the almirah. But on June 14, he opened the almirah to take out cash for his business and found 182-gram gold ornaments, 1,800-gram silver articles and Rs. 8.60 lakh cash kept in it missing.

Expressing his doubts on his employee Mahaveer, Ladaram lodged a complaint at K.R. Police Station on June 19.

K.R. Police, who have registered a case, are investigating.

50 percent rebate on traffic fines

District Police collect Rs. 73,500 in 292 cases

Mysuru, June 23 (PM&KS)- Following the announcement of 50 percent rebate on traffic fines from June 21 to July 10 by the State Government, the Mysuru District Police have collected a total of Rs. 73,500 in 292 cases on June 21.

According to an official order, the 50 percent rebate applies to unpaid traffic e-challan cases registered before May 2026 as well as long-pending Transport Department cases between 1991 and 2022. Under the scheme, vehicle owners can pay half of the outstanding penalty amount and close their cases.

Motorists with pending traffic violation cases can pay 50 percent of the actual fine amount using KSPS app, at KarnatakaOne centres or at any of the Traffic Police Stations.

KPA Dy. Director Chennabasavanna bags DG&IGP Commendation Disc

Chennabasavanna *Yashwanth* *Harish* *Mahadeva* *Murthy* *Nandeesh*

Sreedhara *Nandakumar* *Nagaraju* *Gururaj* *Rangaswamy* *Manohar*

11 more Police Officers and personnel from Mysuru District among 200 awardees

Mysuru, June 23 (AG&BCT)- S.L. Chennabasavanna, Deputy Director of the Karnataka Police Academy (KPA), Mysuru, has been awarded the prestigious Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG&IGP) Commendation Disc for 2025-26.

The award is conferred annually on Police Officers and personnel who demonstrate exceptional dedication, professionalism and commitment in the discharge of their duties.

Director General and Inspector General of Police (DG & IGP) Dr. M.A. Saleem yesterday released the list of awardees and issued the official order.

The selection was based on the officers' performance and achievements in areas such as law enforcement, public service, crime detection, investigation and their overall contribution to maintaining law and order.

Exemplary dedication

The citation accompanying Chennabasavanna's award commends his "exemplary dedication, outstanding service and significant contribution to the Karnataka State Police," stating that his commitment to duty and integrity serves as an inspiration to the force.

According to the citation, Chennabasavanna is known for his professionalism, innovative approach and leadership. Throughout his career, he has introduced several progressive initiatives that strengthened institutional efficiency and enhanced public confidence in policing.

The citation also notes his service with the United Nations Mission in South Sudan, where his integrity and professionalism earned international recognition and brought laurels to both the Karnataka Police and the country.

As Deputy Director and In-Charge Director of the Karnataka Police Academy, he played a key role in modernising the training ecosystem by revamping the curriculum with a focus on holistic development and improved policing standards. He was also instrumental in forging collaborations with leading institutions and organisations through Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs), enriching training programmes and promoting knowledge-sharing.

11 more officers from Mysuru honoured

Eleven other Police Officers and personnel from Mysuru district have also been selected for the DG&IGP Commendation Disc for 2025-26.

Among the awardees from Mysuru are Assistant Commissioner of Police H.M. Harish, currently serving at the City Armed Reserve (CAR) Headquarters, Mysuru, though the award order lists his posting as ACP, CAR North, Bengaluru City; Commandant K.M. Mahadeva Prasad of the 4th Battalion, Karnataka State Industrial Security Force (KSISF), Mysuru; Dy.SP. K.N. Yashwanth Kumar (CID Special Investigation Team & Cyber Crime Division, Bengaluru, who had previously served as Inspector in Mysuru); Police Inspectors K.M. Murthy of the Palace Security Force, Mysuru City and C. Nandeesh Kumar of the Cyber Crime Police Station (CCPS), Mysuru; Assistant Sub-Inspectors T.S. Sreedhara of the City Special Branch, Mysuru City and C.S. Nandakumar (Wireless) of the Mysuru City Control Room; Assistant Reserve Sub-Inspector M. Nagaraju of the City Armed Reserve, Mysuru City; Head Constable (Wireless) K. Gururaj of the Mysuru City Control Room; Civil Head Constable H.V. Rangaswamy of the Cyber Crime Police Station, Mysuru District and Civil Police Constable (CPC-340) S.A. Manohar of Hunsur Town Police Station, Mysuru District.

A total of 200 officers and personnel from across Karnataka have been selected for the commendation this year. The awards will be presented by Dr. M.A. Saleem. The DG&IGP Commendation Disc is regarded as one of the highest and most respected recognitions within the Karnataka Police Department.

Protests erupt at mortuary

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According to villagers, Rakshitha and Ullas were once friends, but their relationship had reportedly soured. After her parents fixed her marriage, Ullas allegedly began harassing and blackmailing her and threatened to create trouble at the wedding venue.

Fearing further harassment, Shivanna, Nagarathna and Rakshitha reportedly moved from their old residence to the new house. Police suspect the three later consumed poison there.

Soon after the incident came to light, villagers demanded the immediate arrest of Ullas and initially refused to allow the bodies to be shifted for post-mortem. Dy.SP Dharmendra assured them that the accused would be apprehended and justice delivered.

Acting on information that Ullas was heading towards Bengaluru, the District Police traced and arrested him. Further investigation is underway.

Leaders visit grieving family

Former Minister S.R. Mahesh, newly-elected MLC R. Raghu Kautilya, MLC C.N. Manjegowda and MLA K. Puttarangashetty visited the mortuary and consoled the bereaved family members.

S.R. Mahesh handed over Rs. 50,000 from his personal funds to Mallamma, the mother of the deceased Shivanna, while Puttarangashetty assured the family of all possible support and justice.

Preparations were underway to complete the post-mortem and hand over the bodies to the family for the last rites. A KSRP platoon and personnel from Mandi Mohalla Police Station were deployed at the mortuary to maintain law and order.

Shivanna's elder daughter Bindu, son-in-law Kumar and other relatives were present at the mortuary. Protests by relatives and villagers continued till we went to the press.

FIR against Hindu activists

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MP Yaduveer Wadiyar urged the Police to strengthen surveillance at railway stations to curb the entry of illegal immigrants.

Responding to a question on allegations that Hindus were being targeted, Yaduveer said recent statements made by Karnataka Home Minister Priyank Kharge could give rise to such perceptions.

"The Police are dancing to the tunes of the Minister," he alleged.

Opposes Bidadi township project

Commenting on the controversy surrounding the proposed Bidadi Township project, Yaduveer reiterated his opposition and expressed support for farmers unwilling to part with their land.

He alleged that the Government was attempting to acquire farmers' land against their wishes and said, he stood firmly with the affected farmers.

On BJP's 'loyalty test'

Asked about the BJP State unit's proposed 'loyalty test' at Dharmasthala following allegations of cross-voting by party MLAs in the recent Legislative Council elections, Yaduveer Wadiyar said the matter would be decided by the party leadership.

A fact-finding committee constituted by the party is currently examining the allegations, he noted. "Let the committee submit its report. The party leadership will then decide on the appropriate course of action," he said.

BJP, Hindu outfit stage demonstration

Mysuru, June 23 (MTY&DM)- Alleging that Bangladeshi illegal immigrants were entering the city in huge numbers by trains, members of Hindu Jagarana Vedike and the BJP staged a massive joint demonstration at Gandhi Square in the city this morning.

"The illegal immigrants, who had settled down in West Bengal for years, are now looking for a new shelter after the BJP came to power in Bengal and are arriving in droves by trains in Congress-ruled States. The Karnataka Congress Government is doing nothing to stop this illegal 'relocation' of Bangladeshi immigrants in Mysuru. It is feared that Mysuru is soon going to be a new haven for such immigrants in the absence of any checks," the protestors alleged and demanded the State Government to check the entry of illegal Bangaldeshi immigrants to the State.

MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, former MP Prathap Simha, City BJP President L. Nagendra, party leaders Sandesh Swamy, S. Murali, Paramesh Gowda, Arun Gowda, Hema Nandeesh, N.V. Phaneesh, H.G. Giridhar, office-bearers of Hindu Jagarana Vedike and others took part.

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Pramoda Devi Wadiyar speaks to *Star of Mysore* on...

Ashada Parking,

keeping area around Lalitha Mahal Palace green & restoration of Rajendra Vilas Palace atop Ch. Hill

Mysore Royal Family member Pramoda Devi Wadiyar speaking exclusively to Star of Mysore at Mysore Palace yesterday evening.

> "I have not levied any charges for the District Administration to use our property for the public good and convenience. Instead of writing four Fridays, I wrote July-August, that is, two months in 2026. So, this year, only for this year. Next year, if they ask, I will think about it. If they don't ask, why should I think about it?

By B.C. Thimmaiah and M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav

The consent granted by erstwhile Mysore Royal Family member Pramoda Devi Wadiyar to the Mysuru District Administration for vehicle parking at 'Shashiranjan' Grounds (aka Lalitha Mahal Grounds) during the *Ashada* Fridays atop Chamundi Hill is valid only for this *Ashada* season and Sri Chamundeshwari *Vardhanthi* celebrations and does not extend beyond that period.

Speaking exclusively to *Star of Mysore* at Mysore Palace yesterday evening, Pramoda Devi clarified that the permission covers only the four *Ashada* Fridays this year (July 17, July 24, July 31 and Aug. 7) and Sri Chamundeshwari *Vardhanthi Mahotsava* on Aug. 4.

Refuting suggestions that the grounds were under Government custody, she said, "If it were under their custody, why would they need my permission? If it were under their custody, our permission would not be required. They were misled."

> "I am telling all the media community through you. It is neither MUDA Grounds nor Lalitha Mahal Grounds; don't call it that. It is 'Shashiranjan' Grounds. We have names for our properties like Lokaranjan, Chittaranjan and Manoranjan. This one is Shashiranjan."

'No damage must be caused'

Pramoda Devi pointed out that she had clearly informed the Deputy Commissioner that the temporary parking arrangement should not damage the venue's infrastructure.

"I have made it clear in my communication with the Deputy Commissioner that the parking facility created there must not damage the infrastructure of the Grounds. If there is damage, I will claim damages," she said.

Explaining the duration of the permission, Pramoda Devi said: "Ashada comes in mid-July and ends on Aug. 7 and there is *Vardhanthi*. So it covers two months, July-August. **I have not levied any charges for them to use our property for the public good and convenience. Instead of writing four Fridays, I wrote July-August, that is, two months in 2026.** So, this year, only for this year. Next year, if they ask, I will think about it. If they don't ask, why should I think about it?"

Use correct name

Pramoda Devi also urged the media to use the correct name of the property.

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Reason for fencing

When asked about the Dasara Aahara Mela (Food Festival) usually held at Shashiranjan Grounds, Pramoda Devi recalled that permission had been granted earlier, but subsequent issues prompted the fencing of the property.

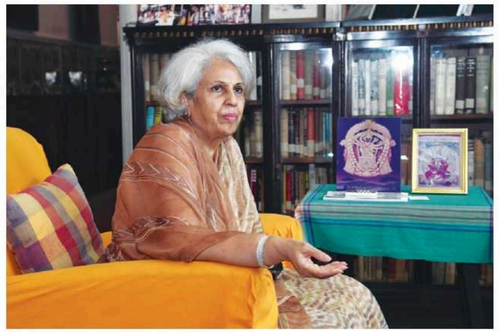
"That earlier, they asked, I agreed. But some others caused trouble there. Because of that trouble, if I leave it open, it will trouble us, so we put up fencing, that's all. It is commitment. If we leave it open, today it is fine, tomorrow someone else will be there. To prevent that, we fenced it, that's all," she explained.

Preserving greenery

On whether she had any plans to develop the property or construct buildings there, Pramoda Devi said her priority was **preserving the existing greenery.**

"There is no plan for that. My plan is only to preserve the trees and plants there. At present, there is no such intention. No intention now. For now, I have kept the adjoining land as it is. I already have enough buildings in Mysuru. How many more buildings do I need?" she asked.

"You must have already seen Sri Jayachamarajendra Chitte Vana (Butterfly Park). I have not cut any tree, not a single tree. Inside, there are butterflies. It should be kept like that."



> "We are fighting many Court cases. I don't tell anyone how much trouble we have. But there are many troubles, almost everywhere. Now we have won many cases, but still Khatas are being created for others...

Court cases, property issues slowing restoration of Rajendra Vilas

Mysuru, June 23 (LNY&BCT)- Responding to public expectations regarding the restoration of the iconic Rajendra Vilas Palace perched atop Chamundi Hill, erstwhile Mysore Royal Family member Pramoda Devi Wadiyar said the family was carrying out the work within the limits of its available resources.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore* at Mysore Palace yesterday evening, she said the family was simultaneously dealing with several legal and administrative challenges.

"We are fighting many Court cases. I don't tell anyone how much trouble we have. But there are many troubles, almost everywhere. Now we have won many cases, but still Khatas are being created for others. Even after winning the case, if it has to be transferred back to us, the procedure is not happening. It is not something that finishes in one day. So, on one side, there are Court cases; on the other side, some work goes on," she said.

Dynamite blasting damage

Speaking about the restoration of Rajendra Vilas Palace, Pramoda Devi said the structure had originally been in sound condition but suffered extensive damage in recent years.

"The Rajendra Vilas Palace was structurally very sound. There was damage caused due to the construction of the multi-level parking lot atop Chamundi Hill when dynamite was used to break rocks. That affected the building and it suffered a lot of damage," she said.

"When I started the work, I did not think there would be so much trouble. If touched, everything collapses. All the plastering had fallen off and everything had to be redone. It became completely new, more work than we thought. Plus, because of the blast vibrations, the ceiling cracked in many places and all the glass had broken," she revealed.

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On the pace of restoration, she acknowledged public expectations but said the work would take time.

"We are now preparing for that a little. Work can be done anytime. But if it goes elsewhere. I agree that it must be done as soon as possible. If nothing else, at least one building on top should be done. We are doing it. We also had work at Ooty. That… that is the same, it will happen slowly. Because all the work we have to do ourselves, right?" she noted▪

'Dhwani Kotta Dhani' award conferred

SITTING FROM LEFT: ***Christ Public School Vice-Principal Marlyn Christabel, Dy.SP S.N. Sandesh Kumar, Ramanashree Prathistana (Bengaluru) Founder Nadoja S. Shadakshari, Bengaluru North University retd. Registrar Dr. Sundarraje Urs, writer Dr. Gangadhara Kudli and Rotary Assistant Governor Rtn. Tirumalapura Rajegowda, who were conferred with 'Dhwani Kotta Dhani' award at a programme organised by Anveshana Seva Trust and Ursu Jagruti Academy Charitable Trust at the Institution of Engineers-India (IEI), JLB Road, on June 6, marking the 44th death anniversary of former Karnataka Chief Minister D. Devaraj Urs, are seen with*** *(standing)* ***MLC Dr. D. Thimmaiah, Anveshana Seva Trust President Chutuku Yugacharya Dr. MGR Urs, Anveshana Seva Trust Founder Arya Amarnath Raje Urs, Mines & Geology Department retd. Joint Director Srinivasa Bahadur, Anveshana Seva Trust Vice-President HMT Lingaraje Urs, Ursu Jagruti Academy Charitable Trust Vice-President H.A. Venkatesh and others.***

'Nesara... Nodu' musical event mesmerises audience

Mysuru, June 23- *'Nesara... Nodu,'* the musical evening of Kannada poetic film songs, jointly organised by the Builders' Association of India (BAI), Mysuru, World Environment Month (WEM) Celebrations Committee, BAI Women's Wing 'Spoorthi' and Karnataka Sugama Sangeetha Parishat, Mysuru, was held at MBCT auditorium on Akkamahadevi Road, Mysuru, recently.

The unique cultural evening of songs describing the beauty of nature drew people in large numbers and the hall was packed with over 300 people. Organised as part of Environment Month celebrations, the event gave the gathered music-lovers a feast of songs along with environmental awareness.

The dignitaries present on stage included BAI Mysuru Chairman K.R. Prabhakar Rao, Hon. Secretary M.D. Praveen Pal, WEM-2026 Committee Chairman C.D. Krishna, Secretary S. Vasudevan, MBCT Managing Trustee N. Subramanya, 'Spoorthi' President Shanti Bharadwaj and Secretary Veena Ashok, among others.

On this occasion, BAI Mysuru felicitated Karnataka Sugama Sangeetha Parishat President Dr. Nagaraj V. Bairy, who led the entire programme. Along with this, all the artistes, who contributed to the success of the programme, were also felicitated.

Renowned singers Nitin Rajaram Shastri, Rashmi Chikkamagaluru, Lakshmi Dinesh, Narasimhamurthy and Tyagaraj captivated the audience with their melodious voices. The instrumentalists who supported the singers — Purushotham (keyboard), Gurudath (rhythm pad), Roshan Surya (tabla) and Puneeth (flute) — played soulfully to match the songs and enhanced the musical mood. The entire programme was compered by Yediyur Samiullah in his unique style.

Overall, the rendition of Kannada poetic film songs, where poems on the beauty of nature written by great poets, were adapted in cinema, mesmerised everyone.

The concert began with the chorus team's song *'Nityotsava Thaayi Nityotsava...'* and more than 23 melodious old songs describing the beauty of nature won hearts. These included Narasimhamurthy's *'Negila Hididu...'*, *'Bidiru Neenarigaadavalu...'* and *'Elli Hodavo...'*; Nitin's *'Tera Eri Ambaradaage...'* and *'Mooduta Ravi...'*; Rashmi's *'Moodala Maneya...'*, *'Nesara Nodu Nesara Nodu...'* and *'Ibbani Tabbida...'*; Lakshmi's *'Ee Hasiru Siriyali...'*, *'Jalala Jalala Jala Dhaare...'* and *'Hakkiya Haadige...'*; Tyagaraj's *'Ee Naada Anda Ee Mannu Chenna...'* and *'Entha Marulayya Idu / Ee Desha Chenna...'*; and Purushotham's *'Bangara Neera Kadalachegechigide...'*

Duet performances such as Nitin and Rashmi's *'Uttara Dhruvadim...'*, *'Doni Sagali...'* and *'Oho Himalaya...'*; Tyagaraj and Lakshmi's *'Kodagina Kaveri...'* and *'Beluvalada Madilalli...'*; Nitin and Rashmi's *'Ondirulu Kanasinali...'*; Lakshmi and Tyagaraj's *'Koodi Baalona Endendu Seri Dudiyonana...'*; and Nitin and Tyagaraj's *'Gandhada Gudi...'* took everyone present to a different emotional world.

From page to performance...

The living legacy of *Vamshavruksha*

S.L. Bhyrappa's well-known novel 'Vamshavruksha' was staged on the 13th and 14th of this month at RamaGovinda Rangamandira in Ramakrishnanagar, Mysuru. The Hindi version of the play by Pratibha Agarval was translated into Kannada by Sharada Venkata Subbiah and the play was a 'Kalasuruchi' presentation directed by P. Nagabhushan.

'Vamshavruksha' remains one of Bhyrappa's most celebrated novels and has been adapted for theatre on several occasions. The novel is not merely a family saga. It is a profound exploration of lineage, tradition, personal freedom, dharma and the eternal conflict between individual desire and social obligation.

Theatrical adaptation therefore requires the dual responsibility of remaining faithful to the philosophical depth of the original while creating a dramatic experience. The production rose to this challenge with commendable sincerity and artistic conviction.

The story of 'Vamshavruksha' begins with the character of Katyayani, whose journey from a young widow confined by social expectations to a woman asserting her individuality forms the emotional core of the narrative. The adaptation effectively captured her inner turmoil and the difficult choices that define her life. The stage presentation highlighted not only her personal struggles but also the larger questions Bhyrappa raises about identity, motherhood, inheritance and the meaning of tradition.

The play preserved the nuanced perspective that makes Bhyrappa's novel enduringly relevant. Neither tradition nor rebellion emerged as absolute truths. Instead, the audience were left to contemplate the costs and consequences of every choice.

The portrayal of Srinivasa Shrotri (P. Dhananjay) proved particularly significant. As the moral and intellectual anchor of the narrative, he embodies a rare blend of scholarship, compassion and spiritual depth. His interactions with Katyayani and younger generation are impressive and leaves a deep impact on the audience. Through him, the play articulated Bhyrappa's larger concern — if a civilisation can retain its roots while accommodating inevitable social change.

The adaptation demonstrated considerable skill in condensing a sprawling literary work into a stage-worthy narrative. It is understandable that certain subplots and reflective passages had to be abbreviated inevitably but it cannot be forgotten that 'Vamshavruksha' is the story of two Brahmin families in South Indian towns of Mysore and Nanjangud after independence. Unfortunately the focus in the play was on only one family — that is Shrotri's and the story of Prof. Sadashiva Rao was left out.

Traditional costumes, period-appropriate settings and simple stage properties helped recreate the social milieu of post-independence Karnataka, allowing spectators to immerse themselves in the world Bhyrappa envisioned. The manner in which the play highlighted the symbolism of 'family tree' *(Vanshavruksha)* itself was noteworthy. The title does not merely refer to genealogy; it becomes a metaphor for continuity, memory and the invisible bonds that connect generations. The play repeatedly returns to this motif, reminding us that every individual decision reverberates through larger fabric of family and society.

The staging of play respected the complexity of questions about widowhood, remarriage, parenthood, social duty and personal fulfilment, which make Bhyrappa's novels unique.

Dhananjay did justice to the role of Shrotri and seasoned artiste Deepa Ravishankar as Bhagirathamma won repeated appreciation from audience. Puttannaiah's music was melodious and the songs selected were most apt. Aditi as Katyayani, Ullas as Raja Rao, Manjunath as Prof. Sadashiva Rao and young Amogh as Cheeni inherited their role with sincerity and naturalness.

—Dr. Padmavathi Narasimhan

'Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa has a high place in literary world'

Senior journalist Vishweshwar Bhat and other guests offering floral tributes to the portrait of Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa at the commemoration programme held at BSS Vidyodaya in Krishnamurthypuram recently.

Mysuru, June 23 (PM&DM)- Stating that *Saraswati Samman* awardee Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa holds a high place in the literary world, senior journalist Vishweshwar Bhat said that Dr. Bhryappa's works have fetched more than Rs. 4 crore in sales after his death.

He was speaking after presiding over Dr. S.L. Bhyrappa commemoration programme organised by Srirangapatna's Priyadarshana Samskrutika Vedike at BSS Vidyodaya in Krishnamurthypuram recently.

Pointing out that Dr. Bhyrappa's works stood at the top for seven consecutive years at Frankfurt Book Fair, Bhat said that this explains the richness of his books.

"Bhyrappa will remain etched in our memory for ever. He had suggested for proof reading by at least 10 persons and fact checking before a newspaper went for print. He was against any short cuts or byways. The great littérateur never did anything against what was in his mind. He had a remarkable memory. Bhyrappa donated about Rs. 80 lakh to poor students and journalists of his choice, which no other Kannada author has given thus far. Even former MP Prathap Simha is a beneficiary of Bhyrappa," he said.

Recalling an instance of the great litterateur's memory power, Vishweshwar Bhat said that Bhyrappa had to attend a Court over his property rights in the last years of his life. As he stood in the witness box, a lawyer, who cross examined him, questioned about his memory power considering his old age. Soon Bhyrappa narrated the incidents of his life in the past 50 years with clarity and alacrity which not only stunned the lawyer who had questioned him, but also everyone around.

Stressing on the need for analysing Dr. Bhyrappa's works from the global view point, Bhat regretted that there was a time when journalistic circles only discussed about littérateurs such as U.R. Ananthamurthy and P. Lankesh, while completely ignoring Dr. Bhyrappa. However, Bhyrappa never felt disappointed over this, he noted.

Former Kuvempu Bhasha Bharathi Chairman Prof. Ajakkala Girish Bhat spoke on 'Bhyrappa and Nationalism', while Sanskrit Scholar G.N. Bhatta spoke on 'Bhyrappa's intellectualism and thoughts.'

Senior Sanskrit scholar and *Mysuru Mithra* columnist Dr. H.V. Nagaraja Rao, BSS Vidyodaya Hon. Secretary R. Vasudev Bhat and others were present on the occasion.

G.N. Manjunath compered the programme. Earlier, floral tributes were offered to the portrait of Dr. Bhyrappa.

'I was issued a notice against participating in the event'

Declaring that he was issued a Court notice against participating in the event with a note of caution that he must not speak much about Dr. Bhyrappa, Vishweshwar Bhat said, as such, he was uncertain about attending the event even at the last minute.

However, he made up his mind about attending the event after seeking the opinion of legal experts, who gave him words of courage saying that he was free to talk whatever he felt. These encouraging words from legal experts brought him to the event, he said adding that he would not like to say which Court served him notice and who was behind it.

MYSORE RACES 2026

(By Our Racing Correspondent)

'DRISANA'

for S.V. Subramaniam Memorial Trophy

Mysuru, June 23- Following are the selections for the 5th day of Mysore Summer Races to be held here on Wednesday — June 24, 2026:

1.	1.30 PM	**THE HEGGADADEVANAKOTE PLATE** 1200 mts. - 3 years (Terms) *1. PILOT OFFICER 2. TEJASH*
2.	2.00 PM	**THE ALBERETTO PLATE** 1600 mts. - rated 00 to 25 *1. CAROLINA SPRINGS 2. GIMME*
3.	2.30 PM	**THE KAPILA PLATE - DIV. II** 1200 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. WINDBORNE 2. BIOMETRIC*
4.	3.00 PM	**THE GOA PLATE - DIV. II** 1400 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. NOZOMI 2. ELSA*
5.	3.30 PM	**THE KAPILA PLATE - DIV. I** 1200 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. HABIBTI 2. SHEEBA*
6.	4.00 PM	**THES.V.SUBRAMANIAMMEMORIALTROPHY** 1200 mts. - rated 60 and above *1. DRISANA 2. OCEAN*
7.	4.30 PM	**THE RANIBENNUR PLATE** 1400 mts. - rated 40 to 65 (No Whip) *1. CHIEF ADMIRAL 2. TIME FOR VICTORY*
8.	5.00 PM	**THE GOA PLATE - DIV. I** 1600 mts. - rated 20 to 45 *1. CLOUDY HILLS 2. DEAR LADY*

DAY'S BEST: *CLOUDY HILLS*

DOUBLE: *1. WINDBORNE 2. CHIEF ADMIRAL*

JACKPOT: *4, 5, 6, 7, 8* ***MINI JACKPOT:*** *5, 6, 7, 8*

I TREBLE: *1, 2, 3* ***II TREBLE:*** *3, 4, 5* ***III TREBLE:*** *6, 7, 8*

EXACTAS: *1 to 8*

—Tipster PGC

'Sri Nalwadi' award presented

Mysuru, June 23 (MK&VNS)- Mysuru Kannada Vedike presented 'Sri Nalwadi' award for achievers from different fields during Rajarshi Krishnaraja Wadiyar Jayanthotsava celebrations held at Freedom Fighters Park, Subbarayanakere, in city recently.

The programme was inaugurated by Thinker Prof. K. Kalachannegowda by offering floral tributes to the portrait of Nalwadi.

The awards were presented to A.P. Nagesh (social service), Dr. K.B. Lingaraju (industry), M.R. Anitha (education), Sai Chamaraja Mandakalli (activist), C. Narayanagowda (industry and social service), Mohan Kayaka (journalism), S. Shivakumar (Police Department), G. Yadunandan (social service), Salundi Doreswamy (education) and K. Obaiah Swamiji (activist).

The awardees — *(sitting from left)* ***K. Obaiah Swamiji, S. Shivakumar, Sai Chamaraja Mandakalli, C. Narayangowda, A.P. Nagesh, Dr. K.B. Lingaraju, M.R. Anitha, Mohan Kayaka, G. Yadunandan and Salundi Doreswamy — are seen with Prof. Kalachannegowda, Mysuru Kannada Vedike President S. Balakrishna and others during the programme held at at Freedom Fighters Park, Subbarayanakere, in city recently.***

Addressing the gathering, Prof. Kalachannegowda welcomed the move of identifying and encouraging the achievers stating that Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar always encouraged people who worked in his court with promptness.

"Mysore Kingdom was the only pro-people Kingdom among the 560 Kingdoms in the pre-independent era. Prompt officials were being appointed to ensure corruption-free and transparent administration," he added.

Mysuru Kannada Vedike President S. Balakrishna presided. Vedike office-bearers Nalabeedi Ravi, Manohar, Bogadi Siddegowda, Gurubasappa, Palace Babu, Gopi, Kaveramma, Malini, Bhavani, Pushpalatha, LIC Siddappa and others were present during the occasion.

WORD OF THE DAY

Cavalcade

Pronunciation: kav-ul-KAYD (noun).

Meaning: Cavalcade most often refers to a series of related things. An older meaning, still in use, is "a procession of riders or carriages"; vehicles or ships can be referred to as a cavalcade.

Origin: Cavalcade is a word with deep equestrian roots: it comes (via French and probably Italian) ultimately from the Latin word caballus, meaning "work horse" or "gelding." (Spanish speakers may recognise the influence of caballus in the word caballo, meaning "horse.") In 17th century, cavalcade was used specifically to refer to a procession of horseback riders or carriages, especially as part of a special occasion, whether joyous or funereal. Over time, that meaning was extended to processions of other modes of travel, including ships, vehicles or even paraders on foot or float (as invoked by late singer-songwriter Elliott Smith in his song "Rose Parade" with the lyric "a wink and a wave from the cavalcade"). As a cavalcade of words before and since have done, cavalcade also took on a figurative sense to refer to a series of related things, whether or not they happen to be marching (or trotting) down the road.

Example: "The event opened with a cavalcade of musicians, dancers and local children, followed by a horse-drawn carriage carrying the Watercress King and Queen ... who threw bags of freshly harvested watercress into the crowd as they paraded up and down Broad Street." —Paul Coates, The Haslemere (England) Herald, 18 May 2026.

THE ODD WORD

Canicide

Killer of a dog.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Break the bank

Meaning: Break the Bank means 'to lose all of your money.'

Origin: Not surprisingly, the origin of the phrase "Break the Bank" is financial. Scholars believe the term "Break the bank" originated sometime around 1600, when gamblers won more money than the house (bank) could afford to pay. Some place the term's origin closer to 1873, when a roulette playing Englishman named Joseph Jagger won $350,000 (a huge sum for the day) at Monte Carlo.

Example: Having the ocean-view apartment without breaking the bank is the dream.

QUOTE BOX

The mind is not a vessel to be filled, but a fire to be kindled. **— Plutarch**

RIDDLE THIS

Solve the rebus:

Answer:: Long time no see.

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		1	7		5			
2		3			9	7	1	
		7		3				
1						4		6

Answer to previous puzzle

9	4	8	2	3	5	6	1	7
5	2	3	7	1	6	9	4	8
7	1	6	8	9	4	2	3	5
2	3	7	1	5	8	4	9	6
8	9	4	6	2	7	1	5	3
1	6	5	3	4	9	8	7	2
6	5	1	9	8	3	7	2	4
3	7	9	4	6	2	5	8	1
4	8	2	5	7	1	3	6	9

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Chain of sandy islands in north-eastern Italy
5 Pre-Euro Italian currency
9 Young goat
12 Winglike
13 Junkie
14 Old French coin
15 Underprivileged
18 Brief fight (3-2)
19 A dam in a river
20 Cry of delight
22 Gives out
26 Italian F1 team
30 Single cut
31 Altitude, abbr.
32 Fabia manufacturers
34 "Bad Behaviour" star Stephen
35 A French rake, dissolute man
37 Helped a felon
39 Opposite of limp
41 Slim battery type
42 Moorage site
45 Inflexible; hard and unbending
49 Susceptibility to injury or attack
53 RK Studio's 1948 offering?
54 Bean curd
55 Formerly
56 Maiden-name
57 _ __ state of affairs: unfortunate circumstances (1,3)
58 Cheering words

DOWN

1 Boys
2 Mr Nasty Natase of tennis?
3 Dare, old style English
4 Public speaker
5 Brother of Kush
6 Middle of Caesar's saying (1,3)
7 "Erne" anagram for a French man
8 Man's pet name - "a rite" anagram?
9 Small cask
10 Something cold to eat
11 A failure
16 Thresholds
17 Upper limbs
21 Maori war dance
23 Concerning, in legal terms (2,2)
24 Bound to make escape difficult
25 A health resort near a spring or at the seaside
26 Film of yeast on the surface of wine
27 A case for needles
28 ___ Peter to pay Paul?
29 Thought
31 Curve
33 Video game pioneer
36 TV sports letters
38 Maker of suits
40 Michelangelo masterwork
43 "Sore" movement for Greek god
44 Nadal's nickname
46 "A gin" cocktail get you girl!
47 Hankering
48 Colouring agents
49 Goods vehicle
50 Abu Dhabi locale
51 Large, abbr.
52 New rose

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

M	A	R	Y		G	R	I	N		P	S	Y
S	K	U	A		I	O	T	A		A	T	O
L	A	T	H		B	E	S	I	E	G	E	D
		H	O	W	E			A	R	E	N	A
I	G	L	O	O		D	O	D	O			
S	A	E		E	R	R	S		S	S	E	S
E	O	S			A	A	L			E	T	P
E	L	S	A		S	M	O	G		T	U	E
			E	S	H	A		O	P	T	I	C
U	Z	B	E	K			G	A	U	L		
S	U	I	C	I	D	A	L		L	I	M	O
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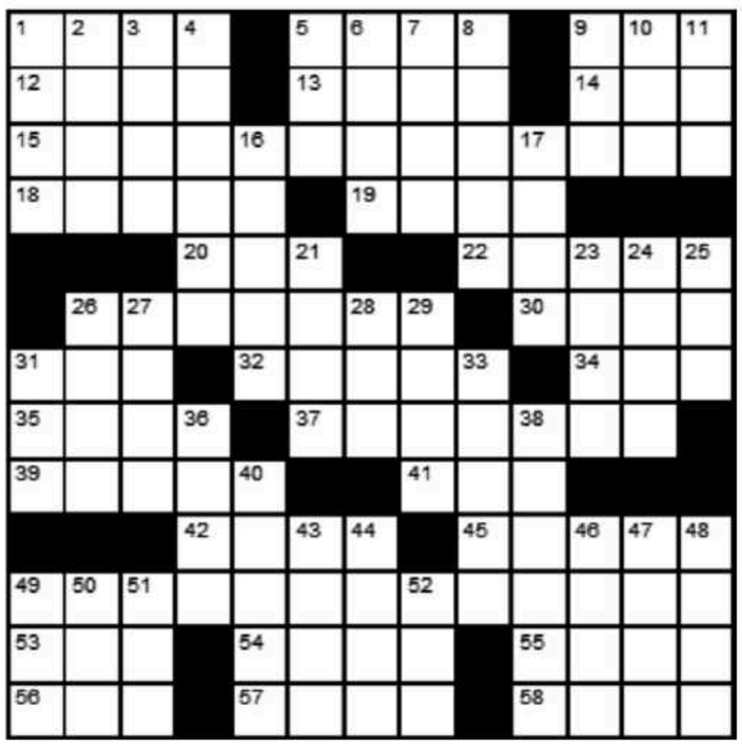

CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

LQNMB HINBQS ET MROMST OQEBBNJ AS TIWNAIFS

TBQMEJEJL BI LI ANSIJF OKMB KN GMJ FI.

TODAY'S CLUE: L EQUALS G

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: The time has come for all good men to rise above principle.

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Urabba (K)	(S-2)	10.20 am
Dodmansa (K)	(S-2)	1 pm
Maa Inti Bangaaram (Te)	(S-2)	4.05 pm, 7.10 pm, 10.15 pm
Obsession (E)	(S-3)	10.50 am, 1.15 pm
Noorusami (Ta)	(S-3)	4 pm
Transfer Trimurthulu (Te)	(S-3)	6.50 pm
Chinna Chinna Aasai (Ma)	(S-3)	9.55 pm
Cocktail 2 (H)	(S-4)	10 am, 1.05 pm, 4.10 pm 7.15 pm, 10.20 pm

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Balan : The Boy (K)	(S-1)	3.35 pm
Balan : The Boy (Ma)	(S-1)	9.15 pm
Blast (Ta)	(S-1)	6.25 pm
Cocktail 2 (H)	(S-2)	1 pm, 3.50 pm, 6.40 pm, 9.30 pm
Peddi (K)	(S-3)	1.15 pm
Peddi (Te)	(S-3)	7.30 pm
Dodmansa (K)	(S-3)	4.45 pm
Maa Inti Bangaaram (Te)	(S-4)	12.45 pm, 6.30 pm, 9.30 pm
Hunted 3D: Echoes of the Past (H-3D)	(S-4)	3.45 pm

MOVIES AT NEXUS MALL

Cocktail 2 (H)	:	9.20 am, 10.10 am, 12.30 pm, 3.40 pm 4.10 pm, 6.50 pm, 10 pm, 10.30 pm
Maa Inti Bangaaram (Te)	:	9.50 am, 1 pm, 7.20 pm, 10 pm
Main Vaapas Aaunga (H)	:	10 am, 3.50 pm
Obsession (E)	:	10 am, 5 pm, 10.20 pm
Nooru Sami (Ta)	:	10.15 am, 7.25 pm
Toy Story 5 (E-3D)	:	12.20 pm, 5 pm, 9.40 pm
Toy Story 5 (H-3D)	:	2.40 pm, 7.20 pm
Blast (Ta)	:	1 pm
Peddi (Te)	:	1.15 pm
Balan: The Boy (K)	:	1.20 pm
Balan: The Boy (Ma)	:	10.10 pm
Disclosure Day (E)	:	4.25 pm
Jai Jawani Toh Ishq Hona Hai (H)	:	7.05 pm
Sing Geetham (Te)	:	7.25 pm

MOVIES AT GARUDA MALL

Cocktail 2 (H)	:	9.50 am, 1 pm, 4.10 pm 7.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Maa Inti Bangaaram (Te)	:	9.50 am, 3.25 pm, 10.20 pm
Obsession (E)	:	9.55 am, 1 pm, 10 pm
Toy Story 5 (E-3D)	:	9.55 am, 12.15 pm 5.20 pm, 7.40 pm
Peddi (K)	:	12.15 pm, 6.35 pm
Nooru Sami (Ta)	:	2.35 pm

Nutritious food and exercises key for good health: MP

MP Yaduveer Wadiyar** (4th from right) **releasing the 9th reprint of Kannada book on Diabetes titled 'Madhumeha - Manukulada Agochara Shatru,' authored by Diabetologists Dr. V. Lakshminarayan & Dr. Sooraj Tejaswi, at Ganabharathi in Kuvempunagar recently as others look on.

Mysuru, June 23 (GA&DM)- "Following a policy of having nutritious food, doing exercises and taking medicines only when absolutely needed, is good for leading a healthy life," observed MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar.

He was speaking after releasing the 9th reprint of Kannada book on Diabetes titled *'Madhumeha - Manukulada Agochara Shatru,'* co-authored by the city's noted Diabetologists Dr. V. Lakshminarayan and Dr. Sooraj Tejaswi, at a programme organised at Ganabharathi in Kuvempunagar here recently.

"India led the world for centuries in culture and traditional systems of medicine. But many ailments and diseases that are currently bothering us are mainly due to the faulty lifestyles and food habits that we are following. The medical field is growing at a fast pace. The benefits of this should be used only when we face health issues and we must not seek medicines even for very minor ailments. Dr. Lakshminarayan and Dr. Sooraj Tejaswi's work is very useful in understanding the cause of diabetes and the ways and methods of controlling it," he pointed out.

Former Kuvempu Bhasha Bharathi Chairman Prof. Pradhan Gurudatta, who spoke about the book, said, in fact, this can be said as the 12th edition of the book. The first three reprints of the book were brought out by Bengaluru's Kuvempu Bhasha Bharathi, he noted.

MLA T.S. Srivatsa presided over the programme. Former Kuvempu University Vice-Chancellor Prof. K. Chidanandagowda, senior journalist Ravindra Bhat, MLC-elect Raghu Kautilya, Chutuku Sahitya Parishat President Dr. MGR Urs, author Dr. V. Lakshminarayan and others were present.

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Maa Inti Bangaaram (Te)	:	10.05 am, 1.15 pm, 7.20 pm
Kalasipalya (K)	:	10.30 am
Toy Story 5 (E-3D)	:	10.40 am, 12.55 pm, 5.40 pm 8 pm
Nooru Sami (Ta)	:	1.30 pm
Obsession (E)	:	3.15 pm, 7.45 pm
Sing Geetham (Te)	:	4.25 pm
Balan: The Boy (Ma)	:	4.30 pm
Jilla (Ta)	:	10.10 pm
Peddi (K)	:	10.20 pm

MOVIES AT CENTRO MALL

Cocktail 2 (H)	:	9.50 am, 1 pm, 4.10 pm 7.20 pm, 10.30 pm
Maa Inti Bangaaram (Te)	:	10 am, 3.55 pm, 10.10 pm
Toy Story 5 (E-3D)	:	10 am, 2.40 pm, 8 pm
Educated Bulls (K)	:	11.05 am
Obsession (E)	:	12.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Nooru Sami (Ta)	:	1.10 pm
Urabba (K)	:	1.50 pm
Kaalaghatta (K)	:	4.25 pm
Blast (Ta)	:	5 pm
Dodmansa (K)	:	7 pm
Balan: The Boy (Ma)	:	7.05 pm
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